GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1754
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HERITAGE SITES COMMISSION
Verma Shri Ravi Prakash

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up a Heritage Sites Commission;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry of Law and Justice has raised objections to the proposed body`s terms and conditions as appeared in `The Times of India` dated June 7, 2007;

(c) if so, the reasons for raising the objections; and

(d) the steps taken by the Ministry of Culture to resolve these objections?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d): The proposed draft Heritage Sites Commission Bill is presently under consideration in the Ministry of Law. Thereafter the Bill is to be approved by the Cabinet before introducing the same in Parliament.